

NINETY-SIXTH YEAR.

THURSDAY, MORNING, MAY 19, 1904.

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## FEATURES OF THE WORLD'S FAIR

## CHAT OF THE CLUB WOMEN.

The intellectual woman is with us everywhere. We "old residents" are beginning to feel an expansion under the cranium from the mere proximity. She has many ideas, large purposes; she goes at her affairs with a rush and usually is well dressed, a pleasant thing of woman. In fact, the club woman is now Exhibit A at the Fair grounds, the delegates to press meetings being Exhibit B.

One club woman, in course of a talk, will look at you and say: "Do you know, I always accept you newspaper people as human beings."

It is quite the way we accept ourselves, but it must be gratifying to all the newspaper men in town to know that the club woman extends the hand of friendship, admitting them into the species. The profession surely will reciprocate under these circumstances, and the oath of eternal amity by virtue of the human link may as well be sworn here and now.

It is impossible to estimate the actual effectiveness, or sociological consequence—that's long enough to mean something—of a woman's club, let alone a federation. The women who are visiting with us want to do so many different things in so many different ways that it is a bit confusing. But in some directions their power is a definite quantity and their organizations have wrought effects.

Of this latter kind are several who have nurtured the social settlement into a flourishing maturity, who have gone in among the poor of a city's slums and have lived in the midst of such conditions on the theory that a higher social life and outlook is chiefly what is needed to encourage better living.

Among such women, who are prominent figures in the convention of this week, are Miss Jane Addams of Hull House, Mrs. Vandy Vart, Miss Anna M. Smith and Miss Mary E. McDowell. Their work is now well known nationally, and in general it is regarded as a success. Deeds which must be placed very largely to the credit of these women are the increased severity of child labor laws in various States, the introduction of the juvenile court idea and perceptible progress toward compulsory education.

"I wanted to get out the narrow social circle into which I was born," declared Miss McDowell, "and move in a broader and a democratic society."

Miss McDowell's brown eyes, which snap with enthusiasm, and her facial expression follows the drift of her talk in every particular. Her hair is slightly silvered, and her words are very definitely accented.

"Now don't mistake me," she continued, "I mean democracy in a broad, wide meaning; not in the political sense."

"I did not suppose," ventured to say in defense of my intelligence, "that you had thought of going into politics. But don't you really think, Miss McDowell, that a man grasps the Democratic idea better than a woman?"

"No, I don't," she declared, with emphasis. "I am talking of a man last night about this very thing. He was a very narrow man and he did not grasp it at all. And I don't think men do understand, as a rule."

"But, as I started to say, I believe in a big inclusive and not a little exclusive society. That is exactly my idea. Now, I'm not a philanthropist. Don't say that, whatever you do, I simply find my society among the poorer or lower classes, believing that by being with them, by doing things with them, it helps them; it certainly helps me. That kind of society is my pleasure, just as is the society of

Vanderbent place the pleasure of the people of Vanderbent place.

"The only trouble with the philanthropies and the charities of a society like that of Vanderbent place is that they come too obviously as charities and philanthropies. There is no human sympathy expressed in the doing of them. The beneficiaries of them look upon the donors as snobs who hold themselves aloof. They are inclined to resent favors or gifts which come as from one who holds himself or herself as superior and distant."

"It is not easy to overcome this obstacle. You find snobbishness or classiness among the poor just as you do among the rich. Such will hold and keep you apart from their lives. But the genuineness of your effort, in nearly all cases, is the guarantee of success, and, following out the idea of trying to prove that all men are brothers and sisters, you soon find yourself a factor among the people with whom you are working."

Miss McDowell lives in one of those termed the University Settlements of Chicago. They are similar to Hull House in their scope and purpose, the sole difference being that the University of Chicago founded them. The one in which Miss McDowell works is adjacent to the stock yards. Within a square mile are located all the vast yards and the packing plants which constitute the largest center of the kind in the United States. The environs are thickly populated with a poor laboring element, chiefly of foreign extraction.

"My home is over a feed store," declared Miss McDowell. "Not that I prefer to live over a feed store, and as a matter of fact, we are now building a better place. But the quarters were the only ones available at the time and they have served very well."

"What, exactly, do you do for your people, Miss McDowell?"

"I don't do anything for them. I do things with them," she replied, laying particular stress upon the preposition.

"I try to get them what they want. For instance, the boys wish to get up a fife and drum corps. They come to me, as they did in one case. I went to work for the fife and drum corps. I finally got the equipment, and now we have one of the best fife and drum corps in Chicago."

"So with other and more serious things. We try to place ourselves on a plane with the men and women and children about us, and then those that want our assistance, the benefit of what we may know or of a better culture, can get it, and are not ashamed to take it. In this way we build up sewing, millinery or English classes. So confident of those things we say, 'Why, I go to any of the stock yards labor unions while they may be in session and am admitted without question.'"

"Where does the money for all this come from?"

"From outside contributions or through the generosity of those who need us as you might think."

"Now, Miss McDowell, that we have thrashed over a pretty big field, you may say, one question more: What do you think of the Federation of Women's Clubs?"

"She laughed. It was dangerously like a good, large giggle.

"Well, really, Mr. M.—; really—(more laughing, a pause, then laughing again)—really, it does much good—sometimes. But I am going to tell what I think in my paper to-morrow. Yes, without any reservations. So come and hear."

Company. B. Schumacher, Edward Butler, Louis E. Dehler, Rose P. Cuddy.

TRANSFER COMPLETED.

All of the employees of the Mercantile were held at the office until late last night, completing the transfer and getting the business in shape in order that the affairs of the purchased company may be attended to this morning as usual.

President Festus J. Wade and G. W. Wilson of the Mercantile met the directors and President Schumacher of the American Central at its offices, Broadway and Chestnut street. Final arrangements were completed, and this morning the offices of the American Central will be vacant.

Within an hour after the approval of the directors of the American Central had been voted a carriage drove up to the offices of the Mercantile and heavy leather bags and boxes containing the cash of the American Central were carried in the cash followed by large tin boxes and stacks of books, which were carried to the desks of the various officials and the transfer was complete.

The American Central Trust Company was incorporated in 1902 with a cash capital of \$1,000,000, upon which it has paid 6-per-cent dividends almost since its organization.

HAS LARGE DEPOSITS.

The statement of the American Central at the close of business March 23, 1904, shows it to have resources as follows: Loans, \$2,588,372.56; bonds and stocks, \$75,873.50; overdrafts, \$18,700; furniture and fixtures, \$5,000; cash and due from banks, \$48,554.

Following were its liabilities: Capital, \$1,000,000; surplus, \$50,000; undivided profits, \$40,548.42; deposits, \$1,816,092.43.

The Mercantile Trust Company has a paid-up capital of \$3,000,000, with a surplus and profit of \$7,000,000, and carries deposits to about \$12,000,000.

Mr. Wade issued the following statement last evening:

The Mercantile Trust Company was offered the controlling interest in the American Central Trust Company at \$100 per share, and, knowing it to be in most excellent condition, safely and conservatively managed, purchased it and paid cash for same this day.

The report that the Mercantile Trust Company was negotiating for the sale of any other financial institution is, in justice to the institutions named, respectfully denied.

The business of the American Central Trust Company will be transacted at the office of the Mercantile Trust Company, northeast corner Locust and Eighth streets, from and after this date.

The officers and employees of the American Central Trust Company will be located at the office of the Mercantile Trust Company.

In regard to statements that a consolidation was to be effected between the International Bank and the Title Guaranty Company and the Lincoln Trust, the officials of these institutions made emphatic denials.

## PHYSICIANS ADVISE MRS. FRANCIS TO TAKE REST FOR A FEW WEEKS



MRS. DAVID R. FRANCIS.  
Who Has Been Advised by Her Physicians to Refrain Temporarily From Participating in Social Functions.

Mrs. David R. Francis, wife of the President of the World's Fair, has been told by her physician that she must refrain from participating in social affairs for at least two or three weeks. He has also recommended that she leave the city in order to get rest and quiet.

It was announced yesterday that Mrs. Francis would attend the reception to be given to visiting editors and club women in the German building next Saturday and that immediately after she would go to a Western resort to remain probably two weeks.

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## RUSSIANS SAY JAPS LOST TWO WARSHIPS WHILE BOMBARDING PORT ARTHUR MONDAY

## NIUCHWANG TAKEN BY THE JAPANESE; RUSSIANS RETIRING

Force Recently Landed at Kai-Chow Re-Embarks After Destroying Miles of Railroad.

KUROKI MENACES MUKDEN.

Chinese Say That a Flying Column Is Approaching, and Report Receives Credence.

KUROPATKIN SEEKS TO FLEE.

Will Even Abandon Strong Strategic Point at Haicheng Rather Than Risk Field Battle or Long Siege.

Paris, May 19.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin says that official advice have been received to the effect that the Japanese have occupied Niuchwang, the Russians retiring.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC AND THE NEW YORK HERALD.—Niuchwang, May 18, via Tientsin.—(Copyright, 1904.)—After they had effected their landing at Kiaochau, the Japanese troops advanced toward Tashichao and destroyed several miles of railway, driving 1,500 troops before them.

The Japanese then re-embarked from Kiaochau, the combined fleet heading south.

The Russians have again entered Niuchwang with 1,000 infantry and two batteries of artillery, but all preparations have been made for another hasty evacuation. The Russo-Chinese Bank was closed yesterday.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC AND THE NEW YORK HERALD.—Mukden, May 18.—(Copyright, 1904.)—The Chinese report that a Japanese flying column is moving toward Mukden, and it is believed that this report is true.

KUROPATKIN EAGER TO RETREAT TO HARBIN.—St. Petersburg, May 18.—General Kuropatkin has given up all idea of fighting in his present position and will fall back on Mukden and then Harbin.

He only hopes that on the way he may encounter some smaller Japanese force which he may be able to crush and still escape from the main army, advancing from the south.

That the railroad is in unsatisfactory condition for heavy work is shown by the fact that the heavy rains caused a wreck north of Mukden in which thirty persons were killed.

Kuropatkin's decision to withdraw from

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## LEADING TOPICS

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## TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 4:45 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 7:45. THE MOON SETS THIS MORNING AT 11:30.

GRAIN CLOSED—ST. LOUIS: JULY WHEAT 84c BID; JULY CORN 47c. CHICAGO—JULY WHEAT 85c; JULY CORN 46c ASKED.

FOR Missouri and Iowa—Fair, warmer Thursday; showers Thursday night and Friday.

1. Features of the World's Fair, Mercantile Trust Absorbs American Central.
2. Indiana Breaks Reception Records.
3. Political Rivals on Same Mission.
4. The Republic's Daily Racing Form Charts Race Results and Entries.
5. Baseball Scores.
6. Editorial.
7. This Is Good Roads Day at Fair. Attack Patent Medicines. Says His Wife Shot Him.
8. Missouri Editor Conceived Scheme. Kentucky Receives Visiting Editors.
9. World's Fair News.
10. Roosevelt Platform Turned Down. Happenings in Near-by Cities. River Telegrams.
11. Financial News.
12. Republic "Want" Ads.
13. Birth, Marriage and Death Records. New Corporations.
14. Rooms for Rent Ads.
15. Republic "Want" Ads.
16. Summary of St. Louis Markets.
17. "Saboteur Should See the Farmer." Says Whites Are Bleached Negroes. Messenger Flights a Monster Sea Lion.

Chefoo, May 19, 11:30 a. m.—Russian refugees who arrived here to-day on a junk from Port Dally say that the Japanese bombarded Port Arthur last Monday.

Russian officers who were on Golden Hill, declared, according to the refugees, that during the bombardment a Japanese battleship and a cruiser struck mines and sank.

The warships reported to have been sunk are the battleship Shikishima and the armored cruiser Asama.

The story is not believed here, but the Russians who brought the news insist that it is true.



As described in dispatches to The Republic, when it is remembered that the country west of the Liao River is neutral, which Russia is unwilling to enter lest the Chinese be aroused, the peril of General Kuropatkin's army is readily seen. If even a comparatively small force of Japanese should obtain a secure position north of Liao-Yang or Mukden, it probably would be able to hold his retreat in check until the main Japanese army, coming from the south, could administer a crushing blow.

## ALL PLANS FAIL TO BREAK DEADLOCK

Hamlin Is Unable to Follow Sherman's Lead and Deliver Delegation to Deneen.

## BOOM FOR WALTER REEVES.

Cannon Has Him Preside Temporarily Over the Convention—Delegates Are Worn Out.

## DELEGATES STAND FIRM ON LAST BALLOT.

Yates ..... 482  
Deneen ..... 422  
Lowden ..... 403  
Hamlin ..... 111  
Warner ..... 28  
Pierce ..... 23  
Sherman ..... 2

## REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., May 18.—Seven days have elapsed since the Republican State Convention was called to order, and still there is no nomination for Governor. Nor is there anything substantial to-night that will justify the prediction that the end is in sight.

Nine ballots were taken to-day, the last being the forty-seventh, and there is practically no change in the situation, except that Deneen has held the Sherman vote on every ballot to-day. Subtracting Sherman's 60 votes from Deneen's total, there is left 342 approximately the Deneen strength through all the ballots. After the forty-seventh the convention adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

It was expected this morning that Hamlin would throw his strength to Deneen, and that Pierce would do the same. It was not believed this would nominate Deneen, but that he would return the compliment to Hamlin and afterwards to Sherman by handing them his bunch of delegates.

## HITCH IN PLAN.

There was a hitch in the programme. Hamlin could not deliver his strength to Deneen. It is claimed only forty-two of Hamlin's 111 votes would have been transferred.

At one time during the afternoon United States Senator Marshall Hitch evolved a scheme to give Deneen all the Cannon district. The first ballot this morning, however, from Edgar, Yates's fourteen from Kankakee, five from Cumberland and seven from Clark and Hamlin's twenty-four from Vermilion and eight from Iroquois, and would have boosted Deneen above 500.

Chairman Cannon is said to have objected, unless it was certain to nominate Deneen. Deneen, however, would still have been 20 short of the nomination.

It was the only exciting feature of the day's doings. The first ballot this morning, the thirty-ninth, resulted:

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## CONVENTION HABIT.

It is a continuous show for the people of

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## BALFOUR SCORES FIRST VICTORY.

Premier Frustrates Attempt to Upset Government by Majority of